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March 23, 2001

Mr. Donald Abelson, Chief International Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: Public Forum on Entry by U.S. Companies into Telecommunications Markets in Foreign Countries
Dear Mr. Abelson:

I am writing on behalf of the Competitive Telecommunications Association (*CompTel*). Based in Washington, D.C., CompTel is the premier trade association representing U.S. and international competitive communications firms and their suppliers, which offer a variety of local, domestic and international long distance, Internet and wireless services. The association's members include global and national firms, regional carriers and emerging local competitive companies.

On behalf of CompTel*s International Communications Committee, we have submitted comments and information to the United States Trade Representative (USTR) relating to market access barriers facing many of our members operating in a broad range of overseas markets. Our activity in the international arena is growing as our members continue their endeavor to compete in new markets outside of the United States.

Although we were unable to participate in your recent forum on entry by US companies into foreign telecommunications markets, we appreciate the opportunity to address these important issues and are hereby forwarding to you copies of market access filings that CompTel has previously submitted to the USTR and others. We hope that these materials will be useful in the preparation of the Commission's Year 2000 "International Markets Report."

The attached CompTel documents are as follows:

January 30, 2001 Section 1377 Comments to USTR regarding WTO Implementation in Germany, Mexico, South Africa, Japan, and Taiwan.

June 19, 2000 Letter to the American Chamber of Commerce regarding the AmCham Telecommunications Committee 2000 Position Paper.

May 4, 2000 Letter to Shunji Yanai, Ambassador of Japan, regarding Japanese legislation granting greater authority to regulators.

February 1, 2000 Section 1377 Comments to USTR regarding WTO Implementation in Germany, Mexico, Japan, and Taiwan.

January 13, 2000 Letter to Sadanori Amano, Director General of Japan*s Telecommunications Bureau, requesting the adoption of a pro-competitive interconnection regime.

January 10, 2000 Letter to USTR regarding market barriers in the German market.

January 10, 2000 Informal Complaint submitted to the European Union regarding market barriers in the German market.

November 15, 1999 Letter to USTR Ambassador Richard W. Fisher regarding Taiwan*s noncompliance with market access terms in a Taiwan-U.S. written agreement.

June 16, 1999 Letter to USTR regarding WTO implementation in Germany.

April 21, 1999 Comments to Germany*s RegTP in support of EconoPhone GmbH*s interconnection application.

March 29, 1999 Comments to USTR regarding Section 1377 Review for Mexico.

March 12, 1999 Letter to USTR regarding WTO implementation in Germany.

February 8, 1999 Letter to the FCC regarding resale opportunities in Mexico.

In addition to the filings attached, we urge you to consider acting upon recommendations made at the forum to inform industry members of meetings with foreign telecommunications regulatory and legislative officials. If convenient and labor saving for your staff, we would be pleased to help in any way by informing our members of these visits on your behalf, as well as gathering from our members information on foreign market issues to help you prepare for your meetings. In addition, our members would greatly appreciate any feedback or follow up briefings after these visits are completed. Such follow up from you will help our members gain greater insight into the priorities of foreign telecommunications officials.

We look forward to working with you on these matters and would be happy to provide any additional information that you may require.

Sincerely,

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